

GEN. MILES REVEALS PHILIPINO ATROCITIES.

Makes His Special Report to War Department on Conditions in Archipelago and Hints that Army Officers Have Resorted to Cruel and Inhuman Torture of Natives.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The War Department to-day made public that part of the report of Gen. Miles which refers to misconduct of officers and soldiers in the Philippines.

The report is dated Feb. 19, 1902, and is addressed to the Secretary of War. Gen. Miles says that in going from Cebu to Batangas in November he noticed that the country appeared devastated and that the people were very much depressed.

Stopping at Lipa, he says, a party of citizens, headed by the acting President, met him and stated that they desired to make complaint of harsh treatment of the people of that municipality, saying they had been concentrated in towns and had suffered great indignities; that fifteen of their people had been tortured by what is known as the water-torture, and that one man, a highly respected citizen, sixty-five years old, named Vincente Luna, while suffering from the effects of the torture and unconscious, was dragged from his house, which had been set on fire, and was burned to death.

They said that these atrocities were committed by a company of scouts under command of Lieut. Hennessey, and that their people had been crowded into towns, 600 being confined in one building. A doctor of the party said he was ready to testify that some of the 600 died from suffocation.

Natives Were Tortured.

Gen. Miles says he looked at the building, which is one story in height, eighteen or twenty feet wide and possibly thirty or thirty-five feet long. He asked for a written statement to be forwarded him at Manila, but says he never received it, and adds:

"I have no reason to disbelieve their statements; in fact, the instances of torture in the case of the man Luna having been tortured and burned to death are confirmed by other reports." Concerning the failure to receive the statement, Gen. Miles says: "Whether any influence was brought to bear to prevent their statement, either by persuasion or coercion, I am not prepared to say at the present time."

Gen. Miles then refers to other cases, saying that on the island of Cebu it was reported and published in November, 1901, that two officers, Capt. Semuel, Forty-fourth Infantry, U. S. Army, and Lieut. Foster, Nineteenth Infantry, had committed similar atrocities against the people of that island. It is also reported that at Laoag, on the island of Luzon, two natives were whipped to death.

At Tacloban, Leyte, it was reported that Major Glenn ordered Lieut. Caulfield, Philippine scouts, to take eight prisoners out into the country and that if they did not guide him to the camp of the insurgent Quison he was not to bring them back. It was stated that the men were taken out, and that they

ROLLER DEAD IN MONTREAL

Newark's Youthful Forger, Fleeing from the New Jersey Authorities, Swallowed Poison in Hotel.

STOLE MORE THAN \$60,000.

Had Violated His Prison Parole, Escaped from a New York Lunatic Asylum and Left His Wife in New York.

Friends of Charles L. Roller, the broker, of this city and Newark, who wrangled banks out of over \$60,000 two years ago, were surprised to learn today that he committed suicide in Montreal. At the time of his death Roller was a fugitive from justice, having violated his parole granted by the New Jersey Board of Pardons while he was serving a seven-years sentence in the Penitentiary at Trenton.

Roller was not twenty-five years old when he was known as a successful broker in Newark and in this city. He was looked upon as a young Napoleon of finance, and his advice was sought by men having money to invest. He soon obtained the confidence of banks, and when he went to the wrong side of the market himself he laid down \$60,000 in forged paper. The names forged were those of prominent men in Newark.

Seven-Year Sentence.

He was arrested and while awaiting trial fled to Southern California. There he was recognized by a New York man and word was sent to the authorities. He was arrested, brought back, tried, convicted and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

While there Roller, a fluent talker, gained the good will of Keeper Osborne, of the prison. There was a great amount of smuggling of liquor going on in the prison at the time, and by using Roller and his wife Cora, borne managed to obtain evidence against the guilty guards and the practice was broken up. For his service the broker was paroled.

Sent to prison in 1901 Roller was virtually a free man except that he had to report to the authorities when he was released in October of last year. After his conviction his wife came to this city to live. Roller visited her. He was jealous.

Got Out of the Asylum.

About six weeks ago the wife was forced to have him arrested. He was adjudged insane by a jury and was placed in the lunatic asylum at Westchester. In a week he convinced the attendant that he was sane, and walked out. He went to Yonkers and saw his wife, who was visiting her family there. Then he went to Newark and while the police had orders to arrest him, he returned him to prison, he walked about the streets, visited friends and his family, and after visiting his mother and bidding her goodbye he left the city. That was the last seen of him.

He left a letter to his wife in which it is said he told her the reasons for his suicide. Roller was erratic. He was a speculator in stocks, and took chances in real estate, which was his main business, and played the market. He was always said to be ahead on gambling, but had lost his money in what looked like legitimate investment. He was where investment turned out badly.

CHARLES L. ROLLER, FORGER, TAKES HIS LIFE IN MONTREAL, CANADA.



LIFE INSURANCE FRAUD ON TRIAL

Joseph Trepani, Said to Be One of the Ringleaders in the Giant Swindle, Faces Court To-Day.

Every life insurance company in the country is watching the trial of Joseph Trepani, which began today in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court before Justice Scott. Trepani is charged with being one of the ringleaders of a gang of Italians who for ten years have been swindling the life insurance companies by means of substituted corpses for members of the gang who had been fraudulently insured.

Charles F. Wahl, counsel for Trepani, opened the proceedings by objecting to the indictment. He said it had been filed under the wrong section of the code, inasmuch as it should have charged him with taking money by false pretence, instead of grand larceny.

There was a difference of fifteen years, Mr. Wahl said, in the penalty prescribed for the offenses. He wanted the indictment dismissed on that ground. Justice Scott overruled the motion and Assistant District Attorney Clarke made his opening address to the jury.

He said he would show that the men insured were not the men who died, and that the swindle was perpetrated by Trepani, who, as undertaker, had great leeway in the matter. The man who died was really twenty years older than the man who was insured.

The specific charge against Trepani is defrauding the Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, of \$400,000, a false proof of death in the case of Cleonora Crona, who was alleged to have died in February, 1901, but who really died a few weeks ago in Pittsburgh.

It is said that more than \$1,000,000 has been obtained in this way. Eight different companies are known to have been swindled, and it is thought that many others have also been victimized, but so long ago that it is not impossible to trace the crime.

Trepani is an undertaker. When arrested he ran a shop at No. 2131 First avenue. He had been in business for ten years and was considered by those who were not prejudiced by his dealings as a substantial man.

One of his friends was Bartolomeo Crona, a barber, at No. 2007 Second avenue. This man is alleged by the District Attorney's office to have been the brains of the conspiracy. He was arrested, but got bail and then had brains enough to run away with his son's wife. He has not yet been found.

How Frauds Were Accomplished.

According to the testimony of Frank B. Forster, formerly an agent for the Union Central Insurance Company of Cincinnati, who turned State's evidence, Crona was the man who got the members of the gang to be insured under assumed names. Then when any Italians in the neighborhood died, the bodies were obtained by purchase and represented to be that of one of the dummies who had been insured.

Forster, as the agent for that company, hastened the proofs of death. Trepani did the burying. Dr. Albert Loewitt and Dr. Francis Mucci swore to the proofs of death, according to Forster's confession.

Some of those who are alleged to have helped in the swindle by standing examinations under false names are Emilio Crona, the barber's son, Michael J. Pansa and Fabio. De started as three, with Mucci and Loewitt were arrested and indicted.

The first suspicion that there was something wrong in the number of deaths which were being reported from "Little Italy" arose in the mind of Henry C. Smith, an insurance adjuster, of No. 15 Broad street. He started an investigation and the trail led to Forster, who broke down and confessed before he was arrested. With the information obtained from him the matter was put confidentially in the hands of the District Attorney, who assigned

"BOSH!"—PLATT; HE'LL ENFORCE DITTO TO MURPHY. ALL THE LAWS

Senator Again Denies that He and Odell Are at War, and Tammany Leader Says that Dock Yarn's Untrue.

Leader Murphy and Senator Platt were heard from to-day. The former denied that he had ever profited by any transaction in property while President of the Dock Board, and when Senator Platt was asked about the effect of the work of the Republican Legislature he said: "Oh! what's the use of churning over the water that has already gone over the dam?"

The Senator smilingly added, however, that he and Gov. Odell were still the "best of friends—but that is no new story," he said. When asked what he had to say regarding the oft-repeated report that Gov. Odell was engaged in reorganizing the local Republican machine for the purpose of freezing out the Senator, Mr. Platt said, sarcastically: "Again! When in the world are these stories going to stop? Don't every one with common sense know that the Governor and I are all right? That we are close and dear friends? Bosh!" And the Senator evidenced his disgust plainly.

Leader Murphy had this to add to the dock story: "It's a revamp of last year's yarn. If any one wants to know all about dock matters there are the records at the Dock Department, and they speak intelligently at least. I wish to present my compliments to Mayor Low. I enjoyed his society very much at the 'Amor Cornet' dinner the other night, and hope to be an honored guest next year at the same event. I have no fear that I shall be eating a frugal meal behind prison bars as a result of anything that may emanate from any of the Mayor's departments concerning my conduct as President of the Dock Board. It's all bosh."

ing certain rights which they cannot legally enjoy and at the same time protect the interest of the public at large.

He insists in the letter that so long as he is at the head of the Police Department every ordinance shall be enforced as it stands, and that no police officers, from inspector down, shall have the right to use any "discretion" in the matter.

He also sent out over the police wires to-day instructions to all borough inspectors that dancing on Sunday is not a violation of the law under the recent Supreme Court rulings, and that hereafter it is to be permitted so long as no drama or athletic event is given or the law otherwise violated.

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OLDEST POLICE EMPLOYEE IS DEAD.

Mr. Gott Had Been Assistant Treasurer of the Department Nearly Half a Century.

George P. Gott, the oldest employee in the Police Department, having been Assistant Treasurer for forty-three years, died to-day at his home, No. 193 West One Hundred and Twenty-first street. He was seventy-three years old.

Mr. Gott, who was born in Albany on Jan. 17, 1829, came to New York when he was eighteen years old and went to work as bookkeeper for J. B. Vining & Co., at No. 81 John street. In 1856 he was appointed a patrolman, but never served in uniform, being immediately assigned to the bookkeeping department. In 1860 he resigned as patrolman and was made Treasurer's bookkeeper. Later he became Assistant Treasurer, and had served since that capacity. When Mr. Gott entered the Police Department his appropriation was less than \$100,000 a year, whereas it is now more than \$7,000,000. For nearly half a century every cent of this money had passed through his hands, and his accounts never showed a penny out of the way.

For fifteen years, Mr. Gott suffered from heart failure and stomach trouble, but he never allowed his distress to interfere with his work.

The two oldest men in the department now are George Hopcroft, appointed as bookkeeper in 1861, and William Dolan, Deputy Chief Clerk, appointed in 1866.

PASSENGER DIES ON ALBANY FLYER.

Taken Ill Soon After Boarding Train He Was Dead Before Physician Reached Him.

A dispatch from Poughkeepsie states that William H. Wild, a New York business man, died of heart disease on the Albany flyer of the New York Central on route for this city to-day. He boarded the train at Hudson and was taken sick shortly after the train started.

Dr. J. H. Wild was taken to Poughkeepsie, where he was removed from the train and taken to the corner of the station and the visiting his father, who was waiting for him. His parents were notified. He died in Hudson in New York, it is believed.

DOBLIN IS SENT TO BELLEVUE.

Young Man Who Made a Record in Reversing Himself Being Examined as to His Mental Condition.

The hot discussion as to whether or not Philip Doblin, the marvelous submarine boat testimony reverser, is really crazy should be settled within the next few days. Doblin was committed to the insane pavilion at Bellevue to-day and it is now up to the experts to decide if he is mentally ill or simply a crude actor.

Doblin was arraigned in the West Side Court before Magistrate Deuel in a hearing postponed from yesterday, in which he was accused of refusing to pay for a meal at the Hotel Cadillac. After being released on parole yesterday he disappeared from his home and was found later on by two policemen in a saloon in East Eighty-second street, acting like a crazy man. The policemen took him home.

His brother, Samuel Doblin, swore to a petition to-day asking that he be committed to Bellevue, inasmuch as he appears to be mentally unsound and is unable to recognize members of his own family. Magistrate Deuel made the formal commitment and Doblin was taken to Bellevue in a cab.

He made many demonstrations of insanity in court when people were looking at him, but persons well acquainted with him cannot be brought to the belief that he is really insane. It is a fact that he has been drinking heavily since his experience in Washington. His brother said to-day that there might be a sort of a breakdown in the case in a couple of weeks.

Doblin made a long-winded statement to the jury yesterday, in which he said he had nothing to say.

CONNECTICUT MEN OFF FOR ST. LOUIS FAIR.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 27.—Gov. Abram Chamberlain and a party including State officials and members of the Governor's Staff left here to-day in two special cars to attend the dedication exercises of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis.

The party will go by way of Springfield, Albany and Cincinnati, reaching St. Louis to-morrow evening.

Woman Overcome by Gas.

Minnie Weiss, an eighteen-year-old domestic employed at No. 114 East 121st street, was found in her room to-day overcome by gas. She was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital and will probably recover.

Why Women Should Study Their Color.

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